

## **MINUTES**

### **30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly EASM**

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Innsbruck, Austria

Chair: Tracy Taylor

Secretary: Stefan Walzel, Secretary General EASM

#### **1. Opening of the General Assembly**

*Tracy Taylor opened the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. 71 (seventy-one) members with voting rights attended the meeting. According to EASM's statutes 7.6, the minimum chorum of ten percent of members was succeed. At the time of the AGM, EASM had 166 members.*

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting**

*The agenda of the meeting was approved by the members.*

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2021 (online)**

*The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2021 were approved.*

#### **4. Report from the President**

*President Vassil Girginov reported about EASM activities during the previous year. Treasurer Aila Ahonen gave the financial report and presented the financial budget for 2022/23 (see appendix A). Both reports and the budget plan were approved by the members.*

*Rob Wilson and Gun Normark checked the EASMs' books independently. Both auditors reported that the accounting was well documented and no issues or concerns were raised (see appendix B).*

## **5. Report from ESMQ editor**

*Paul Downward reported upon the development of the European Sport Management Quarterly. The impact factor of the journal has slightly decreased as for many other journals. The Journal remains a 3\* rating on the UK Association of Business Schools Academic Journal Guide in the UK and currently has an A rating on the Australian Business Deans Council Journal Quality list. Paul thanked all the reviewers, ESMQ board members, Editorial Assistant, Caron Walpole, and Associate editors and especially Guillaume Bodet for their tremendous work for the development of the journal.*

## **6. Questions and discussion**

*No question or comment were raised.*

## **7. EASM Board report on the organisational sustainability**

*Karin Book presented the outcome of the working over the last year. She also pointed out some further actions EASM will initiate to reduce the sustainability of the organisation and its activities.*

## **8. Announcement of the EASM Board Election results**

*Chris Horbel, in her role as the head of the Nomination Committee, explained the process of the online election for transparency reasons and thanked all candidates for their candidacy and commitment to voluntary work for EASM. 131 out of 166 invited members voted by 6 September 2023 (79% turnout). No technical issues or complained were raised.*

*Elected as president: Vassil Girginov (UK)*

*Elected as vice president: Karin Book (SWE)*

*Elected as treasurer: Aila Ahonen (FIN)*

*Elected as board members: Kostas Alexandris (GRE), Tomas Junod (SUI), Jacqueline Müller (GER), Tim Ströbel (GER), Irena Valantine (LTU)*

## **9. EASM Conferences**

*The EASM Conference 2023 will be held in Belfast 12 to 15 September.*

*In 2024 the EASM Conference will be organised by the Université Gustave Eiffel, France.*

*The host of the EASM Conference 2025 will be announced soon.*

*The call for bids for 2026 is open and interested organisations are asked to submit their interest before 31 May 2023.*

## **9. Election of Chair next AGM and Auditors**

*The EASM Board proposed Ruth Crabtree as the chair for the AGM 2023. The members unanimously accepted the proposal.*

*Rob Wilson and Christian Germelmann were proposed as EASM's Auditors for the next financial year 2022/23 by the EAASM Board. The members unanimously accepted the proposal.*

## **10. Any Other Business**

*SMAANZ Conference Week will take place 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022.*

*WASM will host its fourth conference 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 in Doha, Qatar.*

*NASSM Conference Week will take place 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2023.*

## **11. Closing of the Meeting**

*The next AGM will be on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Belfast. The chair closed the meeting.*



Tracy Taylor

Chair AGM



Stefan Walzel

Secretary General EASM

## Appendix A: Budget plan 2022/23

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>87.500,00 €</b>
1.1 Membership fee	10.000,00 €
1.2 Conference	31.500,00 €
1.5 Journal - ESMQ	45.000,00 €
1.6 Research Projects	- €
1.7 Sponsorship	1.000,00 €
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>- 87.500,00 €</b>
2.1 EASM Office	- 51.600,00 €
2.2 Conference	- 18.000,00 €
2.3 EASM Board	- 17.900,00 €
2.5 Journal - ESMQ	- €
2.6 Projects	- €
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>- €</b>

## Appendix B: Auditor Report

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Hallam  
University** | Sheffield  
Business  
School



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Dear EASM Board,

It is with pleasure that we confirm the accuracy of the EASM accounts for the period ending July 2022. Again, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the financial performance and position of the association, yet there are signs of recovery. The 2022 conference will help deliver some of this recovery and place the association onto a stronger footing. The online events schedule of 2021, helped maintain a strong presence in the market and will support ongoing membership subscriptions.

The accounts show a €12509.88 loss this year, driven largely by the significant drop in income resulting from a lack of physical conference and expenditure relating to the 2022 conference. Membership subscriptions remain generally healthy but need a stimulus if they are to accelerate the recovery process, away from core conference activity.

It is always disappointing not to have achieved the budget position; however, the actions of the board have ensured that any item of expenditure has been challenged and the budget revised effectively. Everyone should be very pleased with the outcome this year. When the 2022 conference fees are added to the income line, the association should find itself in a positive position.

We would like to express our thanks to the audit office for keeping a comprehensive record of all items of income and expenditure.

Let's hope for a prosperous year ahead,



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